



# FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Filing Date: April 4, 2000

First Named Inventor: DiBiao et al

Group Art Unit: 3653

Examiner Name: Miller, Jonathan

Total Amt. of Payment: (1)+(2)+(3)= **\$110**

Attorney Docket Number: 0412-P02120US0

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. FILING FEE

#### Fee Description

Utility filing fee

Design filing fee

Plant filing fee

Reissue filing fee

Fee

SUBTOTAL (1) **\$0**

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### ADDITIONAL FEES

#### Fee Description

#### Fee Paid

Surcharge-late filing fee or oath

Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet

Extension for response within first month

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Notice of Appeal

Filing a brief in support of an appeal

Request for oral hearing

Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned appl.

Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned appl.

Issue fee

Petitions to the Commissioner

Petitions related to provisional applications

Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.

Recording each patent assignment per property

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

SUBTOTAL (3) **\$110**

### 2. Claims

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Total Claims - = 0 x 18 = 0

Independent Claims - = 0 x 86 = 0

Multiple Dependent  
(First presentation)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of **DiBiao et al**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 14-19, 33-40, 48-53 and 64-70.

Please add claims 71-83 as set forth below.

Claims 1-53 Canceled

54. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for processing a leading piece of mail having contents comprising one or more documents and a trailing piece of mail having contents comprising one or more documents, comprising:
- an envelope opener operable to open the pieces of mail along at least one edge;
  - a feeder for feeding the pieces of mail to the envelope opener;
  - a thickness detector for detecting the thickness of the leading piece of mail;
  - a system controller operable to control the feeder to feed the trailing piece of mail in response to the detected thickness of the leading piece of mail to maintain the proper spacing between the leading piece of mail and the trailing piece of mail; and
  - an extractor operable to extract the contents from the opened pieces of mail;

55. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 54 wherein the thickness